



ARBORLAND MONTESSORI INFANT - 8TH GRADE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Greetings Parents!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I am Mrs. Mary Fritzie T. Sebial and this is my 18th year here at Arborland Montessori Children's Academy. I have been in the teaching profession for 32 years, and greatly believe in providing the best education for our children and upholding it to its highest standards.

I am excited to see all our returning students and of course to get acquainted with the new ones. I am thrilled to meet each one of you and excited to partake in your child's educational journey. This will be a fabulous year for all of us – a year that will be filled with excitement, fun and lots of learning! Let's make sure that this year will be an enjoyable journey, where we can all grow and develop a true love of wisdom and discover our strengths and passions.

Lower elementary is such an exciting time for students to embark on a new journey to learn how to read, write, perform fundamental operations, and do so much more! I will work hard to make sure that your child obtains the attention that he or she deserves. Together with the rest of the lower elementary teachers, I hope to make education fun for all and instill a love for learning.

This school year promises to be another productive partnership with you to ensure that your children will be able to achieve their highest potential. As partners, please share with me the responsibility for your child's success. I ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- Complete all homework assignments
- Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve vocabulary and comprehension
- Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- Lastly, but most importantly, knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school

The following are other essential information you would need as we start the school year.

Daily Classroom Schedule

8:30-11:30 Three-Hour Work Period (Morning Montessori Learning Time)

11:30-12:00 Class Meeting/Whole Class Lesson Presentation

12:00-12:30 Lunch Time

12:30- 1:00 Play Time

1:00-3:00 Afternoon Montessori Learning Time

Snack

A daily snack time for 10 minutes is available for your child. Please send a small nutritious snack such as granola bar, fruit, crackers, juice, etc. Please help us by reminding your child that he/she may not have chips for snacks. Please be advised that candy, gum, chocolates, and soda are not allowed in school. Sharing of food is also discouraged. Microwave is not available during snack time.

Homework

Contrary to popular belief, Montessori children do have homework. Montessori education is continuous. Therefore, it is important that children have continued opportunities in their own home to assume responsibility, accept the natural consequences, manage time and choose activities wisely. Their homework packet is given every Friday, so you may plan and schedule your child's other activities. Please remember, children learn by doing. They need to participate actively in all areas of life and living. They are physically tough, gregarious and quite capable of responsibility.

Lunch

For children who bring lunch from home, a microwave is available in the classroom to warm meals (not for cooking!). If you want your child to have instant noodles/macaroni and cheese for lunch, please cook it at home and place it in a microwavable safe container; we will be happy to assist your child to warm it up in school.

Laptop

Part of our technology implementation will include having the students use technology devices on a regular basis throughout the school year. We highly encourage all the students to bring their own personal laptop. Their laptops will be used as an academic learning tool only. Non-academic games will not be allowed at any time on campus.

Show and Tell

Your child will have a weekly schedule for something they want to share. These items should be of educational nature, such as a souvenir from a trip, special interest, photographs, hobbies or nature collection. Please don't have your child bring toys.

Communication

Communication between the parent, child and teacher is vitally important in the education process. However, the time just at the start or end of class is not the best time for me to meet with the parents. The office will be happy to arrange an appointment time that is mutually convenient. If there is an urgent need, I will be available from 8:00-8:30 am as I do my classroom preparation. You may also email me at mssebial@arborland.com; or text me at (562)773-2437, please introduce yourselves every time you send a message because I will not be saving any of your numbers.

Lastly, please take time to read through the school handbook for more information. Again, I look forward to working with you and your child. I am really excited for another meaningful and productive school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Fritzie Sebial, MS Math Ed
Montessori Teacher
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Supplies Needed – to be brought 1st day of school

- 1 5-subject notebook (**RED** for 1st grade, **GREEN** for 2nd grade, **BLUE** for 3rd grade)
- 3 1-subject college ruled notebook (**RED** for Spanish **BLUE** for Science **GREEN** for Social Studies)
- 1 black 2-inch three ring binder for the classroom
- 1 white 1-inch three ring binder for the weekly homework/classwork
- 2 folders with pockets
- 1 set crayons
- 1 set colored pencils
- 1 set of watercolors
- Erasers
- Sharpener (no battery operated please)
- Dictionary

Supplies that will be collected at the beginning of the year

- 2 packs of college ruled reinforced paper (1st grade only)
- 1 pack of card stock paper assorted colors
- 1 pack of white paper (1st grade only)
- 4 white glues
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 ruler
- 1 pair of scissors